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THE WISDOM OF CATWG.



THE SEVEN QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY CATWG THE WISE TO
SEVEN WISE MEN * IN HIS COLLEGE AT LLANFEITHIN, WITH
THEIR ANSWERS †.

I. What constitutes supreme goodness in a man? Equity:
Answered by TALHAIARN THE BARD.

II. What shews transcendent wisdom in a man? To refrain
from injuring another when he has the ability: *by ST. TEILO.*

III. What is the most headstrong vice in a man? Inconti-
nence: *by ARAWN, SON OF CYNFARCH.*

IV. Who is the poorest man? He who has not resolution to
take of his own: *by TALIESIN, CHIEF OF BARDS.*

V. Who is the richest man? He who coveteth nothing belong-
ing to another: *by GILDAS OF THE GOLDEN GROVE.*

VI. What is the fairest quality in a man? Sincerity: *by
CYNAN, SON OF CLYDNO EIDDIN.*

VII. What is the greatest folly in a man? The wish to injure
another without having the power to effect it: *by YSTYFFAN THE
BARD OF TEILO.*

WELSH MUSIC.—No. II.



To the EDITOR of the CAMBRO-BRITON.

SIR,—It is much easier to describe a picture or a poem than a musical composition. Very explicit illustrations may be given of a painting, and extracts may be quoted from a poem; but in music it requires either vocal or instrumental *tones* to give a proper idea of its good or bad qualities. Consequently, my endeavour to describe, in writing, the characteristic beauties of the Welsh Melodies, will fall far short of the specimens given on the harp or piano-forte.

* The persons, here called "wise men," were not merely scholars, but associates, most of whom had taken refuge in Catwg's College after the loss of their territory in the wars consequent on the incursions of the Saxons. A brief account of Catwg, who lived in the sixth century, was given in the Life of Taliesin, in the First Number. His Aphorisms occupy about a hundred pages in the Welsh Archaeology, and will be occasionally translated under the title above adopted. The Seven Answers, here given, will, no doubt, remind the classical reader of the apothegms of the Seven Sages of Greece: nor will they suffer in the comparison.—ED.

† Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 38.